



### THE MERRY SEASON

will be all the merrier for you if you will open a bank account with us. A bank account gives you happiness and independence. You'll find nothing but Christmas cheer and good will here whether you come to open an account or have a talk with us on the subject

## The First National Bank.

Capital, Surplus and Profits: \$100,000.

### TOWN TOPICS.

#### Our 'Phone 76.

J. P. Taylor of Greenville was in the city Tuesday.

Now is the time to get your Xmas goods cheap at Moseley's drug store. 21 Lewis Wadsworth left Sunday afternoon for Jacksonville and other points in Florida.

The Florida Blossoms, a real coon attraction under canvas, played to a crowded tent Monday night.

Lost:—A pair of Pointers. One white and liver spotted. One liver and white ticked. Reward if returned to R. F. McCullough, R. F. D. 2, Box 53.

Our town has certainly been overrun with shows of the cheap canvas cover variety for the past week. And from all reports the end is not yet in sight.

Miss Ethel Rowe returned home Saturday from Holly Hill, S. C., where she has been visiting friends for several weeks. Miss Ethel reports a delightful time.

Miss Jane McLeod, en route to her home in Jacksonville from Quincy, stopped over in Madison a few days this week and was the guest of Mrs. A. Livingston, et.

There will be a Christmas tree and Cantata at the Baptist church at 7 o'clock on Christmas eve night. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises and to hang their gifts on the tree.

LADIES:—We have the largest and most beautiful line of pictures ever exhibited in Madison and we are going to sell out cheap. Call and make your selections before they are all gone. B. F. Moseley.

Next week usher in Christmas. Let us all determine that it shall be indeed a season of "peace on earth, good will to men" and strive to so conduct our selves as not to bring reproach on the wonderful event of which the day is a symbol.

The tented show which held forth in Madison all last week, folded its tent at a late hour Saturday night and departed for other fields. We are of the opinion that it will be a long while before they find another stand as profitable to them as this town proved—if all reports are true.

Mr. J. S. Baker and family have moved to their country home about 4 miles east of town, and Sumpter will engage in farming next year. We are sorry to lose them as residents of our town and hope that before many years have passed they will conclude to again become residents with us.

Next Sunday night at the usual hour of service the Methodist church choir will hold a special song service in the church. There will be responsive reading, recitations and many splendid songs by the choir. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this service and a real reasonable treat is promised.

With "bargain sale," "fair warning sale," "big holiday sale" and prices all around in keeping with hard times, the purchasing public of Madison county should find no difficulty in supplying their needs just now. The merchants who advertise have got the goods and they want to exchange them with the people who have the money. Cast your eye over our advertising columns and you will find things to interest you.

B. N. Tucker of Quincy spent Sunday in town with his family.

Wanted:—Room and board in private family. Address Box 125, post office.

R. A. Weldon, the marble man from Thomasville, Ga., was in the city a few days this week.

A large number of strangers are seen on our streets this week, many of them being witnesses from Columbia county in the murder case now on trial.

Messrs. S. R. West and A. R. Garner, prominent citizens of Greenville, were business visitors in the city Monday and paid this office an appreciated call.

Land to Rent:—One, two, three and four horse farms to rent 9 miles south west of Madison on Sampala Lake. For particulars apply to Theo. Randell, Eub. Va. R. F. D. 1.

George A. Davis, the well known contractor, left Monday with a gang of workmen for West Lake where he was called to do some building for the West Lumber Co.

Prof. W. J. Maloy arrived from Atlanta Saturday and will remain in Madison until after the holiday season. He will be found at Moseley's drug store during the days preceding Christmas.

Mrs. Chas. E. Davis is at home again and greatly improved in health, news which will be gladly received by her countless friends. Mrs. Davis has been for several months at a sanitarium in Kirkville, Mo.

Mr. Randall Pope last week purchased the Peck Smith lot just north of the Merchants hotel. Mr. Pope has not yet determined whether he will dispose of the lot or whether he will build him self a home thereon. The price paid proves that Madison "dirt" is very valuable.

Miss Rachel Martin, the popular young daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Thos. Z. Martin, was the winner in the popularity contest conducted by the tented show company last week, and Saturday night was presented by the company with a gold watch. Miss Rachel received more than two hundred thousand votes.

The Stetson Glee Club was greeted by a large audience at the opera house last Wednesday night and those present enjoyed the program immensely. The glee singing by the gentlemen, the quartettes by the Stetson Quartette, the duets and solos by the several members of the club were all splendidly rendered and the singers elicited much applause for their excellent work, nearly every number being heartily encouraged. We hope that at some future day we may have another visit from this high-class musical aggregation.

Rev. Thomas Williams, pastor of Madison Circuit for the past year, left Monday afternoon for Miami to attend the Annual Conference. The gentleman carries with him a splendid report of his work during the year. The circuit comprises four churches, Stonewall, Hickory Grove, Henaca and Pinetta, and under Mr. Williams' pastorate of the past year the membership on the circuit has been increased by 85 accessions. Every claim was collected in full and an excess of pastor's salary was collected and presented to the pastor. The churches comprising the circuit are greatly pleased with Mr. Williams as a pastor and are hopeful that he will be returned to them for another year.

REMEMBER  
**R. DAVIS,**  
THE JEWELER,  
Has, as usual, the finest and largest stock of  
**Fine GOLD Jewelry**  
in Town.

### Bracelets

### ockets Chains

### Watches Pins and

### NOVELTIES.

All good and guaranteed, and engraved  
**FREE** of charge.

### Cut Glass

I will sell my entire stock of Cut Glass at Cost, and Spectacles at Half Price.

**R. DAVIS**

JEWELER.

Madison.

Florida.

## NEW ACCOUNTS EVERY DAY

It is surprising, even to us, to note the new business which comes to us daily, proving

- First. That our efforts to please are appreciated.
- Second. That we have the confidence of the people.
- Third. That the masses think well of us.
- Fourth. That our location is convenient.
- Fifth. That the public likes getting 4 per cent interest.
- Sixth. That quarterly interest is what the public likes.

## CITIZENS BANK OF MADISON,

MADISON, FLORIDA.

*Dorothy Dodd*  
Shoes

\$3.00 \$3.50  
\$4.00



"Dorothy Dodd" Shoes cost you but \$3.00 to \$4.00, but they are worth ten times that sum to any woman who values a stylish appearance with entire comfort.

## Smith Mercantile Co.

"People's Popular Department Store."

## Get Ready for Christmas

A visit to my store and inspection of the Beautiful Line of Holiday Goods now on display will convince you that it will not be necessary to send away for your Christmas Gifts. Here you will find suitable gifts in jewelry, china, cut glass, toilet articles, books, silverware and a wonderful variety of toys and games for the little folk. Come and see what we've got.

## D.G. Smith's Drug Store.

## Notice.

### COLD STORAGE

### NOW READY.

### The Only Way to Cure Pork.

First, salt pork with plain salt by rubbing on and spreading out, say 12 hours, then apply to hams and shoulders as follows: Salt 10 lbs., brown sugar 2 lbs., salt petre 2 ounces, red pepper 1 ounce—to 100 lbs. of pork; rub and apply freely. Sides resalt. If killing is done while weather is cool, say frosty, meat may not be stored for four to five days after butchering, but if warm it should be stored within 12 hours. Do not cut off chin bone, as this ruins the ham, and in storage they cure as well with chin left on.

Time to be stored: Thirty days is sufficient. When taken from storage wash in warm water, wipe dry, sew up in canvas or homespun hang up and smoke every third day for two weeks. Use green hickory wood for smoking.

Salt furnished at a reasonable price.

**Madison Electric Power Co.**

Mrs. Mona Johnson of Live Oak is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Goodbread.

Next Sunday, 29th inst., at St. Mary's Episcopal church, the following order of service will be observed: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. Order of music: Processional, Hymn 403, Venite, 13 Robinson, Gloria Patri, same. Deum Laudamus, Thomas, in F. Jubilate 55, Smith. Hymns 60 and 42. Recessional Hymn, 516, Barrington. Offertory. Solo by Mrs. Reeves. Evening service: Processional, Hymn 12, Hopkins. Gloria Patri, 13, Robinson. Magnificat, Field, in G. Nunc Dimittus, Field, in F. Hymn 13, Weber. Recessional Hymn 535, Barnby. Everybody is cordially invited to join in these services. Rev. Curtis Gray, Rector.

### DOLL FREE.

On January 15th, 1909, we will have our usual annual drawing for the beautiful doll, Violette. All the little girls from three years old are cordially invited to take part in the drawing. B. F. MOSELEY.

It is claimed that the Florida orange crop this year will reach 4,000,000 boxes.

### NOTICE OF DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that six months after date the undersigned will make final return of their accounts as administrators of the estate of Mrs. C. O. Slaughter, deceased, and that they will at such time apply to the County Judge of Madison County, Florida, for their discharge as such administrators.  
S. R. WEST  
A. R. GARNER  
Administrators estate Mrs. C. O. Slaughter, deceased.  
Dec. 17, '08.